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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/717,908	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MIZUE, TOSHIO	
	<b>Examiner</b> Ellen Kim	<b>Art Unit</b> 2874	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                       | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                              | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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### DETAILED ACTION

Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 7/11/05.

Claims 1-6 are examined for examination purpose.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minamino et al [USPAT 6,619,859].**

Minamino discloses an optical module comprising:

An optical subassembly 10 including an optical device;

A housing including a base 13 and a cover 12 [fig. 11A], the base 13 having a bottom surface thereof, and the optical subassembly being provided between the base 13 and the cover 12;

A support 5 being in contact with the optical subassembly 10, the support 5 being disposed on the bottom surface of the base 13; and

A thermal sheet 6 provided between the cover 12 and the support 5.

Minamino disclose every aspect of claimed invention except for the semiconductor material.

Official Notice is taken that utilizing semiconductor material for optical module in the optical communication system for the purpose of high speed of the optical

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communication is old and well known in the art. See *In Re Malcolm* 1942 C.D. 589:543 O.G. 440 MPEP 706.02 (a).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the ordinary skilled person in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Minamino's device to include semiconductor optical module for the purpose of high speed of the system.

In re claim 2, the support 5 includes a first leg portion, a second leg portion, and a bridge, wherein the cover 12 and the bridge sandwiches the thermal sheet therebetween, and the optical subassembly 10 is provided between the first and the second leg portions.

In re claim 3, Minamino disclose every aspect of claimed invention except for the solders between the optical subassembly and the first and second leg portions.

It would have been obvious to the ordinary skilled person in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Minamino's device to include the solders between the optical subassembly and the first and second leg portions for the purpose of stable alignment and high coupling efficiency of the device.

In re claim 4, the optical subassembly 10 includes an outer surface and a stem, and the support 5 having finger 5d [fig. 4] curved [inherently formed by having a groove 5f] so as to be in contact with the outer surface of the stem.

In re claim 5, the outer surface of the 10b is spaced from the bridge [the edge whereon the leg portions 5cs are disposed, see fig. 5, near 5j].

In re claim 6, Minamino disclose every aspect of claimed invention except for the solders between the stem and the finger.

It would have been obvious to the ordinary skilled person in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Minamino's device to include the solders between the stem and the finger for the purpose of stable alignment and high coupling efficiency of the device.

### ***Conclusion***

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Further references of interest are cited on Form PLO-892, which is attachment to this office action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen Kim whose telephone number is (571) 272-2349.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

Ellen E. Kim  
Primary Examiner  
July 25, 2005/EK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Kim', is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.